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Friend Garrison Dear Sir

It is a long time since I have had the pleasure of seeing you. The last time was at the Convention when the Subject of the dissolution of the Anti Slavery Society was considered and a vote taken. I voted with you and those agreeing with you. It was a long time before I became reconciled to the discontinuance of the Liberator. I was taking the Standard at the same time and it continues to come to me now. Not because it is the Anti Slavery Standard but rather because I sometimes see some information I could not get from any other source.

I think Wm Phillips has been rather

of Gen Grant. I think we have
reason to believe he would
be glad that all loyal Colored
persons should have their
rights. I think if those Colored
men who still exert themselves
to keep alive the old Anti
Slavery organization had they
been as earnest in the advocacy
the Freedmen much more good
would have been effected.

My principal reason for
visiting you at this time
is to make some enquiries
in regard to the Freedmens
Union Commission of
Boston Who are the
officers of the organization
and what is its objects?
are there documents touch-
ing the subject? If you will
please answer the above
enquiries at your earliest

convenience you will confer a favor. I hope you will excuse all Mistakes when I shall have informed you of my condition for the last three years. I may weary you before I finish

Three years ago the (30th) of March last I was stricken down with Paralysis so that I did not move even a muscle in my left arm and leg. for six weeks. then I began very slowly & slightly to recover for the last year I am considerably improved so that I can now walk some with the aid of my brother. I am able to read a large portion of the time for which I am grateful to God. & Him for all his mercies to me

I never expect to fully recover
but hope to do some more
good yet Mr Garrison
if you should come to
Concord I would be much
pleased to see you at my
place of residence if but for
a short time. Hoping that
your health may continue
many years I remain very
cordially yours

Samuel Barrett.